

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

V.

LIONEL GONZALEZ-TORRES,

Defendant.

Case No. CR20-146

DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF IN-PERSON APPEARANCE AND CONSENT TO PROCEED BY VIDEO/TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE

I, LIONEL GONZALEZ-TORRES, the above named defendant, acknowledge that I have been advised by my lawyer and the Court – by this form -- that pursuant to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, I generally have the right to be personally present in open court to any hearing involving a criminal proceeding to which I am a party.

I am scheduled to have the following hearing on:

Arraignment Hearing on September 17, 2020 at 9am.

I have been advised by my lawyer that because of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Governor of the State of Washington has issued an Emergency Proclamation and Chief Judge

1 Ricardo S. Martinez in the Western District of Washington has issued a General Order 02-\_\_  
2 regarding Emergency Hearings. As a result, I cannot currently be personally present in open  
3 court for this scheduled hearing. Therefore, I wish to waive my right to be personally present in  
4 open court for the above-hearing(s), and acknowledge that my right to due process under the  
5 Constitution is best protected by moving forward with the hearing(s) by video/telephonic  
6 conference.

7 I have discussed with my lawyer this consent to appear and participate by  
8 video/telephonic conference and have agreed to the same.

9 I have also authorized by lawyer to electronically execute this form on my behalf.

10 Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020

11 s/ Scott J. Engelhard  
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13 Lawyer's signature, electronically executed,  
14 On behalf of Lionel Gonzalez-Torres  
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